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First Flight Cachet From New Mexico

The Post Office Department announced that on or about October 1 air mail service will be inaugurated at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Route AM-64. A special cachet will be provided for Las Cruces, and the usual treatment of philatelic covers will be authorized. First flight air mail covers sent to the Postmaster at Las Cruces should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches to the left of the address side of all covers is required for the cachet. No provision will be made for point to point covers, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving the cachet will be given directional service only to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and served by the first flight in each direction for backstamping.

Stamp Stock Stolen From New York Dealer

A robbery which cleaned nearly every item out of his stock was experienced by I. Tannenbaum, 1285 Spofford Ave., Bronx 59, N. Y. on September 12. Mr. Tannenbaum operates under the business name of "Tanny's" so those of his customers who might be experiencing some delay in their orders will have the explanation for it. The bulk of the material is mint United States stamps in singles, blocks, plate blocks and sheets. Collectors and dealers both are asked to be on the watch for such material offered to them under suspicious circumstances. While there are several numbers of the earlier stamps taken in the loot, most of the material lies between the Scott catalog numbers of 686 to the Francis Scott Key stamp. Mr. Tannenbaum asks that no further orders be sent him at this time since he will not have the stock to fill them. He expects to be back in business again as soon as he is able to rebuild his holdings to substantial amounts. Any reader who thinks he has the material or the thieves located should write at once to Mr. Tannenbaum at the above address, or notify detectives Margal or Eagan of the Simpson St. Police Sta., Bronx, N. Y.

Indian And Rough Rider Designs



Two of the designs of coming commemorative issues, the Indian Centennial and the Rough Rider stamps have been released by the Post Office Department. The Indian stamp which is rather complicated in design will have a brown color, and have its first day at Muskogee, Okla., on October 15. The Rough Rider commemorative is rather simple in design is to have a first day of issue at Prescott, Ariz., on October 27. No color was announced for it. Both stamps are of the large commemorative size which are found 50 stamps to the pane, and both will have an initial printing of 50 million.

Postmaster General Announces Designs, First Day Details For Indian And Rough Rider Stamps

Descriptions of two of the coming commemorative stamps were released by Postmaster General Donaldson. One is the 3c Indian Centennial commemorative which will be placed on first day sale at Muskogee, Okla., on October 15, the other, the 3c Rough Rider stamp which will have its first day at Prescott, Ariz., on October 27. The Indian Centennial stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, with a single line frame. The central design is an outline map of the State of Oklahoma on which is the white Gothic lettering "Indian Centennial, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee, Seminole." To the left, arranged from top to bottom are the seals of the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes and on the right in the same order are the seals of the Muscogee and Seminole. Between these two groups of seals and below the State border is the wording "The Five Civilized Indian Tribes of Oklahoma 1848-1948" in dark Gothic. Just below is a dark ribbon on which appears "United States Postage" in white Gothic. In the lower right corner in white modified Roman is the denomination "3". The stamp will be brown, issued in sheets of 50, and an initial printing order of 50,000,000 stamps has been authorized. Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this new stamp may send as many as 10 self-addressed covers to the Postmaster at Muskogee, Okla., together with money order or postal note remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. The Rough Riders commemorative is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions also, arranged horizontally, with (Continued on page 11)

Visitors Well Pleased With The Fine Hospitality And Exhibition Provided By Their Denver Hosts

In spite of handicaps which would have discouraged the average run of human beings, the three stamp clubs of the Denver area which sponsored and played host to the 62nd Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society at Denver, Colorado from September 6 to 10, produced what will be remembered as one of the best and most outstanding conventions in recent years. The host clubs were the Collector's Club of Denver, the Denver Stamp Club and the Rocky Mountain Stamp Club. Even the weather man who had been literally frying the good citizens of the "Mile High City" with 90 degrees and better temperatures relented and offered coat wearing weather. In fact, Monday and Tuesday, topcoats were popular. Visitors were given first rate attention in the matter of accommodations and entertainment. This section of Colorado is a tourist mecca on its own, which when added to by the capable convention committees with attractions of their making made everyone's stay tremendously enjoyable. By Thursday noon, the reception committee had registered over 425 guests, but the registration accounted for only about 40% of the total number of collectors present for the festivities. Collectors of the Colorado area, many of the wives of the members and those staying for a day or two only didn't make an official registration. The material displayed in the over 400 exhibition frames was some of the finest to be entered in competition since the CIPEX of 1947. Quality, rarity and high value marked nearly each one of the entries. The prevalence of this type of exhibit made the absence of honest-to-goodness stamp collections all the more noticeable. Many of those viewing the exhibition expressed a great disappointment over the absence of United States regular postage and commemorative displays, and the absence of the colorful semi-postal and commemorative stamps of the world as well as the regular postage issues, the airmails and British Empire stamps. It remained for one of the home-townners to show the world that there is a lot of philately west of the Mississippi. John Gardner of Denver copped the grand award with a large specialized collection of United States covers and stamps of the 19th century which depicted interesting postal markings and cancellations from the stampless period on. Pages were embellished with hand drawings which illustrated the markings and cancellations. The Brazer Trophy went to Julian F. Gros, the Cherrilyn Stamp Club Trophy was won by John H.

Willard, while the Collector's Club of Denver award went to Francis Lutz. Dr. A. Jay Hertz took the Denver Stamp club Trophy, the Lagerloef Trophy is now in the possession of John Kamin. A memorial cup in honor of the late A. E. Pade, Denver stamp dealer was awarded to Carl Steele. One of the two local papers, the Rocky Mountain News sponsored a trophy which was won by Edward B. Murphy, while a trophy contributed by the Rocky Mountain

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Rebuilding Of Warsaw Financed By Semi-Postal

Poland: A green 15 plus 5 zloty stamp has appeared for the rebuilding of war-torn Warsaw. The details are rather indistinct but the stamp portrays what appears



to be a highway with churches and buildings in the distance. A much more attractive stamp is the 15 zloty brown stamp issued on the occasion of the Philatelic Congress at Torun. It depicts a stage or mail coach drawn by four horses crossing the drawbridge of a large medieval castle. The above stamp is shown and a report of the new issues was made by the Penny Black Stamp Co., of New York City.

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First day cover

SUOMEN TUBERKULOOSIN VASTUSTAMISYHDISTYS
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Finland produced a semi-postal set this year for the financing of the fight against tuberculosis by surcharging three values of the set issued in 1947. The first day of issue was September 13. The low value is 7mk.+2mk. on the 6mk.+1.50mk. red. Next is a 15mk +3 mk. on the 10mk.+2.50mk. dark brown, while the top value is a 24mk.+6mk. on the 24mk.+6mk dark violet A first day cover on which the set was used was received from Bertel Larnes, P. O. Box, Helsingfors, Finland.



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

VENTURA ERROR

According to The Precancel Market Bulletin a copy of the Ventura error sold recently for \$25. But any outright sales have been around \$30. This means that the supply is carefully regulated and that the very last penny is being squeezed out of each item held. This is a far different story than with the supply of 1 1/2c and 8c MI "K" WAUKEE errors. Fine blocks of the 1 1/2c once sold with the error in the center of a block of nine for \$1. Right now the 1 1/2c error seems to be almost as scarce as the 8c. The 8c never sold at a low price but right now, unless in very fine condition, would not bring any more than the \$30 which is asked for the Ventura error. If any of the figures quoted recently in the Precancel press are being correct then the total combined amount of copies existing of the 1 1/2c and 8c Milwaukee errors are much less than the total supposed to be held of the Ventura item.

PENNSYLVANIA MEET

The Western Pennsylvania Precancel Society will hold their second annual round-up at the Mayfair Hotel 423 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. October 23rd and 24th. Write G. G. Welsh 230 Winebiddle St. for hotel reservations. Any other information write Ed. C. Hissrich 559 Midland St., who is the club secretary.

ILLINOIS MEET

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The last day of the gigantic Indian Centennial occurs on October 15, the last day of the show so visitors planning to take this in should make room reservations accordingly. It is on this same day that the first day will occur for the Five Civilized Tribes stamp.

A total of four hundred frames of outstanding material will meet the eyes of the stamp show visitors, each exhibit being different from all others. To date, twelve of the eighteen bourse tables have been reserved.

Persons wanting rooms are to state time of arrival, number of persons in the party, and the inclusive dates the rooms are wanted. This information is to be directed to the Oklahoma Philatelic Society, P. O. Box 957, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Other information relative to the bourse, cachet or seals or otherwise can be sent to that address also.

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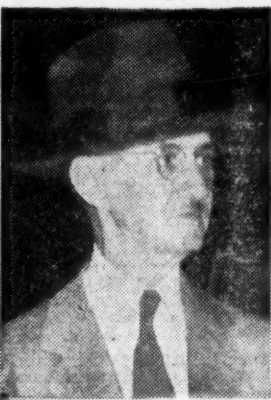
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Let's Stick To The American Star

It has previously been reported that the star to be featured on the coming Gold Star Mothers stamp is a Russian star.

We now have evidence that this is a fact, provide of course that we consider the Russian star as the fat star which bulges in its angles and does not run in a straight line from one point to another. As a matter of fact



GEO. LINN

we have noted stars on many Russian stamps and most are of a type different than the graceful American star, the star that has been shown on our flag since the stars were made a part of our flag. Today, September 15th, we received a cover from Mr. William L. Broom Jr., from an Illinois city, the stamp being canceled on September 14th, seven days before the date of first day issue for this stamp at Washington. Likewise on this date a cover with this stamp was received from Lewis R. Tryon which had been canceled on September 13 in an Eastern city. We purposely omit the name of the towns in which Mr. Broom and Mr. Tryon reside as we do not wish to cause the postmasters of those cities any trouble. The point we want to make however is that we believe the people responsible for this new stamp have handed the Gold Star Mothers of America a rather raw deal in using a star of this type on this stamp when we have a star of our own, one that is recognized as an American

star. A study of Russian stamps gives ample proof that the Russians have repeatedly used this fat ugly star on their stamps and curiously enough on stamps honoring the mothers of Russian soldiers, for much the same purpose as this stamp is issued. Two stamps honoring the Order of Field Marshall Suvarov, Scott numbers 925 and 930, both depict this Russian star, but the best example and one from which our own Gold Star Mothers star could have been copied is Scott No. 1036 which is a dead ringer for our Gold Mothers Star. Several other Russian issues in between the numbers given also picture this same star.

Looking back through earlier American stamps we also note that this fat star was used first on the 24c purple Winfield Scott stamp of the 70's.

It is used again on the 90c Perry of the same issue, but curiously enough does not show up again until we find it superimposed over the flag of the State of Texas on the Texas Statehood issue of 1945.

For our part, the American Star, the star we all know so well and love so well, the star in our own glorious flag is good enough for us and should be the only star used on anything American. It has come to be a symbol that we all know and cherish and any artistic attempt to give us something different in stars should be limited to subjects that are wholly dissociated with our government.

Whether this is a matter that the House Unamerican Activities committee should look into or not, we leave to that committee, but we do regret that this splendid new stamp issued to honor the Gold Star Mothers of America should be graced by a star which gives a good American a belly ache when he looks at the stamp.

Stamp Dealers Drive Away Business

What a happy lot we publishers of stamp papers would have if the stamp dealers would become good business men and realize that the only thing they can get from spending money for advertising is either a direct cash order for something offered or a new contact with whom they might do hundreds of dollars worth of business in the future. Yes, that is all any stamp paper can do for the dealer, get him new contacts. After that is done it is up to the dealer to make a friend and a customer of that person and such friend and customer over a period of years makes advertising pay handsome dividends. But if the dealer is out to get only the first dollar from these people and has no thought of future business, then we can understand some of the complaints we get. Too often we get complaints if founded on fact are such as to make us wonder why the dealer even attempts to do business. We have often said that there is plenty room in the stamp selling field for a dealer who will make it his motto to satisfy or please every customer. Such a dealer can build a business so big that he will grow and grow, but the dealer who fills orders with such material as makes the customer dissatisfied is wasting his advertising dollar, likewise the dealer who handles orders as tho he never gave a care whether he did another dollars worth of business with that customer is also wasting his advertising dollars.

We get many complaints that makes our anger rise yet what can we do about them. If we were in the place of some of these complainants we would fire the material back so fast it would make the dealer's head swim and we would follow up with complaints to the Post Office Department that would bring inquiry from officials so fast that the dealers would soon revise their methods. It is just like a recent complainant says, and we quote:

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Alleged Russian Star On U. S. Commem



A number of collectors have brought attention to the fact that the star of the "Gold Star Mothers" stamp resembles a Russian type star. A comparison of the Russian stamp and the U. S. stamp shown above shows a lot of points of similarity. Mr. Linn's editorial this week has something to say on the matter.

Stamp Treasure For English Boy In Nine Years

From England comes the story of the boy who when he reaches his 25th birthday will be given the key to a secret safe in which might be a fortune in stamps.

But for the present though, the boy, Patrick A. Matata 16 years old is more interested in the English game of cricket than in stamps. His inheritance will come from an uncle, the late Sir William Maxwell former postmaster general in an Indian State.

The uncle had gathered nearly one of each stamp issued during the first twenty years of the twentieth century, and it is this hoard plus other items which the nephew "Pat" will get nine years from now.

New Edition Of Bureau Print Catalog

Unless unforeseen circumstances take place, the 32nd edition of the Mitchell-Hoover Bureau Print Precancel Catalog will be released to the public on October 1. That is the statement of Stephen G. Rich, publisher of the catalog. Dealers who have placed orders for this publication can therefore look forward to receiving supplies of this book by October 10.

Besides listing all new Bureau Print precancels from the last edition to August 1, 1948, the new edition contains many price changes. These price changes are made by reporting the actual nationwide market as accurately as Berton Hoover the editor, can do. Increases and decreases are about equal in number and amount this year.

The new 32nd Edition Bureau Print Catalog has received extensive revision to remove confusions. Duplicating and superfluous headings totalling over three pages, have been removed.

The catalog is spiral bound for easy use and contains 156 pages. The paper will permit pen and ink notations and is laid out to be used as a checklist also. Cost of the book is \$1.75 from the publisher, Stephen G. Rich, P. O. Box B, Verona, N. J. or from dealers in precancels.

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Devoted to the interests of specialists in Israel, Palestine, the fore-runners and related fields, a study circle was organized in Chicago in July. This group of specialists named their new organization the Israel-Palestine Society of America (IPPSA) and elected the following officers:

S. N. Shure, President, H. E. Padway, Vice-President, Simon Jacobsen, Secretary - Treasurer, Samuel Ray, Editor.

IPPSA will commence its activities formally on September 1 with the publication of a monthly news-letter which will contain news of new issues; new discoveries and reviews of all articles, domestic and foreign, in their field. A periodical will also be published containing comprehensive technical and research articles.

Other IPPSA facilities available to members include a question & answer service, a translation service, expertization of stamps and postmarks, and informing members about sources of supply for stamps, covers and publications, etc.

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Collectors interested in any of the above fields, might check the advantages of joining IPPSA. Dues are \$2.00 per year, which amount includes all IPPSA publications and pays the membership through Sept. 1, 1949. Interested persons are invited to write for an application blank or further information by addressing the president of IPPSA, S. N. Shure, 225 West Huron Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

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Most people will tell you about their operations or their vacation trips at the drop of a hat, but out of consideration for those who can't afford a hat, I'll tell you about my vacation and you won't have to even reach for a hat. That's thinking about you readers in a big way, isn't it?

But seriously, since my recent jaunt out to Denver, Colorado for the APS Convention involved associating with stamp collectors, looking at stamps, and best of all, a several thousand mile trip through a sizeable chunk of these United States, I felt that such material and observations are very much in line with "U. S. NOTES". So if you feel that what comes next won't interest you, just drop out here, and I'll be seeing you next week.

I can even squeeze a quiz out of the trip.

1. On the way to Denver, I stopped in a city which was the boyhood home of a famous author, and which was the first day city for the Famous American stamp in his honor. Name the author, the stamp and the city.

2. Was Denver, Colorado ever the scene of the first day of issue of a commemorative stamp?

Probably the first thing that the ordinary fellow and girl want to know are what did you see and did you have a good time. The answer to the latter is an enthusiastic yes, while the answers to the former are numerous. The one thing which I will long remember is the drive in Rocky Mountain National Park.

This was my first trip this far west of the Mississippi, and other than the Alleghenies, the Smokies and the Catskills I had never been in real honest-to-goodness mountains. I mean mountains where they go up and up and up, where after about 10,000 feet even the evergreen trees don't grow, and where finally a majestic pinnacle of jagged rock, cloaked in snow, reaches for the clouds and many times is hidden by a billowy puff of them. Those are real mountains, just as beautiful as in the pictures, and just as apt to bring the beholder's thoughts to his Creator.

Only at one other time have I been as memorably stirred. That was during the splendor of a thunder and lightning storm in the Catskills of New York. Only one who has experienced it can know of the crackling roar and the vivid flashes of a Catskill

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storm, and like the Rockies, words aren't adequate to describe the scene. So I would urge anyone with ideas in their heads about a Western vacation to include Rocky Mountain National Park and the drive over Trail Ridge Road in it, in their itineraries.

Among the very interesting people I met was Wendell W. Phillips of Stockton, Calif. Mr. Phillips is probably the outstanding authority on Express Routes and Covers in the United States. He didn't get that way over night, in fact, he's spent 28 years gathering the abundant information that he has in many parts of the country.

While the average collector usually rushes home after the day's work to prop up his feet and read the paper, Mr. Phillips' personal program is lots different. He heads for the public library, the historical society or the library of the newspaper to get in a few minutes research before supper. On Saturday afternoons and Sundays he travels to other towns for data. And it isn't amazing to learn that he now is consulted frequently by the historians, the librarians and the newspapers for information on early United States history as it involves the express companies and other carriers.

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The best meal that I had in Denver was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Barker, where Mrs. Rueth and I spent an interesting evening. Mr. Barker was the originator and the editor of the "Denver Daily Apsen", the outstanding daily convention newspaper. While the "girls" were relaxing after the dinner, he and I went to the printing plant where the "APSER" was put together and printed. Smelling the ink and seeing the press run dispelled any trace of longing for the office back in Sidney.

The city liked the best of those visited was Lincoln, Nebraska, site of the famous state capitol. I'd recommend a visit to this beautiful modern building to everyone. The city itself sparkles . . . I had the most disappointment from Cheyenne, Wyoming. It reminded me an awful lot of East St. Louis, Ill. just after crossing the Mississippi. . . As a passenger on the stagecoach which carried the mail in Denver for the first time in 75 years. I was able to make up a prize cover of the event. Besides the postal markings, I have the autographs of each of the persons riding the coach, plus that of the hold-up man, Carl Sandell (Denver Dan). Not over five of such covers exist. . . If the picture taken of Kenny (son) and I in our stagecoach costumes turns out well, I'm going to run it in this column. If you like a laugh watch for it.

One of the nicest things that ever happened to me happened in St. Louis. While visiting with the Don Bosco Stamp Club whose members are residents of St. Joseph's Boys Home, I was made an honorary member of the club. This is the group of boys about which a picture and story appeared in Linn's some months ago, and which told of their adoption philatelically by the Greater St. Louis Stamp Club. These boys don't have parents to help them along with spending money, so their philatelic progress depends on the fine help given by the adult club, and contributions from other sources. If you have the urge to do a philatelic good turn, here's a place for it.

Afterwards, it was nice to meet and spend some time with the

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We had an excellent dinner that evening as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson, and a swell evening "stamping" with Bob. Bob is also the chairman of the Stamps For The Wounded program for the state of Missouri, a task which takes a lot of his spare time. Here again I found a collector who knows his stamps and the background stories of each one of them. His philatelic interests are world wide, although at present time he is completing an outstanding collection of Cuba which includes mint and used, position blocks, revenues, covers and documents.

1. The city was Hannibal, Mo., boyhood home of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), who appeared on a 10c Famous American stamp of the Author's series.

2. Yes, the 5c stamp issued to commemorate the Five Year Resistance of the Chinese People to Japanese Aggression (Scott #906) was issued in Denver, Colorado on July 7, 1942.

Ghandi Depicted On Independence Issue

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To honor the late Sir Ferdinand von Mueller, the eminent
botanist, the Postmaster-General's
Department issued a special 2½d.
postage stamp on the 13th Sep-
tember, 1948.



The dominant feature of the
new stamp, which will be on issue
for two months, is a bust portrait
of Sir Ferdinand, reproduced from
a photograph obtained from the
National Herbarium, Melbourne.
Across the lower right hand corner
is depicted a spray of "Eucalyptus
Muelleriana" (Yellow Stringy
bark). The word "Australia" is
set across the top of the stamp,
with the denomination immedi-
ately below it on the right hand
side. The stamp is red in color,
slightly deeper in tone than the
Farrer stamp.

Baron Sir Ferdinand von Muel-
ler K. C. M. G., M. D., LL. D.,
Ph D, F. R. S., was born of Dan-
ish parents on the 30th June,
1825, at Mecklenburg-Schwerin.
He came to Australia on the
18th December, 1847, and lived
in Adelaide until 1852, when he
was appointed Government Bot-
anist of Victoria. With character-
istic thoroughness he explored
Victoria from the Mallee to Wil-

sons' Promontory, from the alpine
district of the north-east to the
Otway coastal region in the south-
west, and set down his findings
from botanic, geographic and eco-
nomic points of view. He also
took part in explorations in West-
ern Australia, the Northern Terri-
tory, and Tasmania. He was
credited with discovering and tab-
ulating more flora than any other
living person and was regarded
as a world authority on botany.

He served his adopted country
as few native-born Australians
have done, and the long list of
scientific societies overseas with
which he was affiliated and which
did him honour, indicate the high
regard felt for his achievements.
Notable amongst these was his
work on the initial production of
Eucalyptus oil in 1852, and his
subsequent successful efforts to
introduce the health-giving eucaly-
ptus to disease-ridden sections of
North America, Italy and India,
and other overseas countries. He
also initiated the propagation of
our saltbushes as valuable fodder
plants for arid regions overseas.

This new stamp comes in a
red color, is 2½ x 20½mm
in size, of vertical format, perfor-
ated 17x15, watermarked Crown
C of A, is of 2½ penny value and
will be on sale from September
13th, for a period of two months.

Venezuela's Columbus
Set Will Be Colorful

Venezuela will release its long
awaited commemorative issue to
mark the 450th Anniversary of
Columbus' Discovery of the
American Mainland near the end
of September, or early in Octo-
ber. The entire issue will be in a
large commemorative size, printed
by the British firm of Waterlow
& Sons, Ltd. of London.

Value and quantities of the air-
mails will be 5c (600,000), 10c
(600,000), 15c (600,000), 25c (300-
000), 30c (300,000), Bs. 1 (100,000).
Four values will be found in the
regular postage these being a 5c
(600,000), 10c (600,000), 20c (300-
000), Bs. 1 (100,000).

These stamps are expected to
be well designed and colorful ac-
cording to F. Jacobi, Apartado
1425, Caracas, Venezuela who sent
in the above information.

New German Series
Valid In All Berlin

On September 3, another issue
of stamps which were to have
the use in all the zones of Berlin.
Germany made their appearance.
This consisted of the Laborers is-
sue in the new color overprinted
with the word "BERLIN". The
overprinting is applied diagonally
to the stamp and reads from the
lower left hand corner toward
the upper right. Its color is black
on all values.

A total of 20 values will make
up the set ranging from a 2pf. to
5 Marks; approximate face value
for the entire issue will be 16
Marks. The Postman's Knock of
Cincinnati, Ohio, who supplied
the above information state that
the black market value for the
Mark at present is about 12c or
13c. They submitted an actual
first day cover of the new series,
canceled on the first day.

Six Austrian artists were de-
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European Catalogs available to
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ers have released three books
during August. One is the Zum-
stein Europe Catalog which lists
the stamps of the European na-
tions, another is the catalog for
Switzerland and Liechtenstein,
and the third is the catalog for
these same two countries, but
specialized. All three are in the
German language.

The Yvert & Tellier catalog will
appear in two volumes. The first
for France and Colonies exclu-
sively, the second will carry the
rest of the world. Part I is ob-
tainable by itself but not part
two. The Yvert is printed in
French and is regarded highly in
France, and South America.

The 31st edition of the Thiaude
was released September 20. It lists
the stamps of France and Colon-
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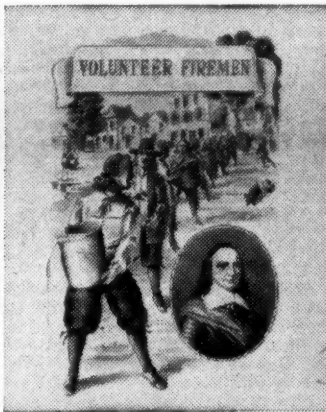
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event held last April. Already
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tendance will be from FIVE TO
TEN TIMES the previous attend-
ance.

Last April there were 39 exhi-
bitors. In October there will be
closer to 100. Last April the event
was staged for one day in the
middle of the week. This time it
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tracted the support and co-opera-
tion of practically every big
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but there is also J. F. Droucette
Dias of the Bombay Philatelic
Co. of India. Then there is Her-
mann Sorsky, widely known
dealer of Munich, Germany who
has written many books on im-
portant phases of philately. These
are exhibiting, but there are ex-
pected to be many more visitors
from foreign countries. At the
previous Show in April visitors
came from France, from Iceland
and even India. In this country
they came from Florida, from
Texas, from Michigan, from Ohio
and some 25 other states.

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is offering photographic repro-
ductions of rare stamps as collec-
tible items.

Unusual items include the fa-
mous Newfoundland "Hawker,"
"De Pinedo" and "Columbia" all
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tions of 1st issues of Nova Scotia
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by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
Box 21 Planetarium Sta.
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BRITISH HONDURAS. A special issue to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle of St. George's Cay was ordered from the printers in August. Date of release will be announced later. The values are as follows: 1c blue and green, 3½c blue and brown, 4c olive and violet, 5c dark brown and dark blue, 10c green and brown and 15c green and bright blue. The design of the 1c, 3c, and 4c stamps depicts the island of St. George's Cay, and that of the 5, 10 and 15c, the sloop H.M.S.

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Mid-October Exhibit**

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The contest blanks have twenty numbered lines on them and each picture in the contest will bear a number, so that you are only required to write your answer to each picture on the numbered line corresponding with the number of the picture. Then sign your full name and address in a legible manner at the foot of the contest blank, then on the back of the blank answer the question which is asked there, or rather complete the statement, part of which is printed on the back of the blank. Then mail the completed form back to our office so it will reach us not later than February 15th, 1949. Any answers received after the 15th will not be considered or accepted.

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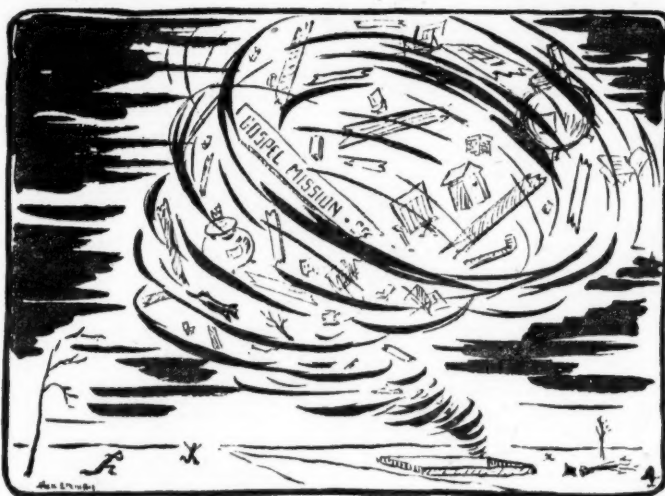
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The complete list of answers will be published in our issue of February 21st. List of the winners of all prizes will be published in full, as soon after the close of the contest as possible.

The complete list of answers are typed and sealed in an envelope in our Safe Deposit Box. Answers will be judged only by this list, word for word as written so be careful, use only necessary words as answers to be fully correct must be exact words as we have prepared them. Letter A is a word.

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VISITORS PLEASED

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tain Stamp Club is now the property of H. Parker Johnson. Joseph Mandos became the possessor of the Smeltzer Cup and Burleigh E. Jacobs won the U. S. Cancellation Club Governor's Trophy.

The following all won first awards which consisted of Silver medallions and blue ribbons: Charles F. Meroni, B. H. Handy, Burleigh H. Jacobs, Harold P. Johnson, Dr. A. Jay Hertz, John M. Gardner, Adolph Steeg, Lee H. Cornell, W. W. Phillips, T. F. Morris, Joseph Mandos, Eben D. Finney, George H. Deuble, Dr. Herbert Pollack, William Lea and John H. Kamin.

The convention committee was really surprised at the demand for official seals and the cacheted envelopes on the part of collectors. The initial printing of the cacheted envelopes which ran into the five figures was augmented with two additional runs of the presses. Part of this unexpected demand was brought on by the carrying of the stamp collector mail by stage-coach through the streets of Denver on Tuesday, the first time that such a mode of transportation was used for the past 75 years.

The first run took place at noon Tuesday, starting from in front of the Denver Post Building, the home of one of the local newspapers. Riding into town on the vehicle were six persons dressed in the colorful attire of the 1880's. W. W. Phillips of Stockton, Calif. was dressed as a pompous duke, while his son Albert and Joe Brown of Milwaukee were in the uniform of the "boys in blue" each carrying a carbine of 19th century vintage.

Aboard also were Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Associate Editor in the garb of one of the slick card sharps and gamblers of the last century. His son Kenneth, dressed as a homecoming schoolboy of the 1870's, was nattily clothed in a plaid jacket and breeches outfit and a half pint Stetson hat. Uncle Sam's Post Office Department was represented by Orval Sparks who was assigned to the trip by the Denver postmaster.

Driver of the four horse stage-coach was Pete Morrison former movie actor, who had Harold Johnson on the box with him. Just as the coach arrived in front of the "Post" Denver Dan, the reformed "dood" hater, who should be familiar to the readers of this paper, held up the coach and relieved the passengers of the stamps they were carrying. Johnson with his shotgun, and Sparks with his six-shooter never had a chance as the badman got the drop on them.

A tremendous crowd which had been forewarned of the fireworks in the daily press for the past few weeks was on hand to view the hold-up and the subsequent ride through the city during which collector mail was picked up at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, convention headquarters, and at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel site of the exhibition, and carried to the post office.

Visitors were very much surprised and pleased at the fine newspaper which was produced each day of the convention. Starting with an edition on Monday morning, and new editions on each day of the convention thereafter, visitors were able to keep in touch with all the events and news then current. The "Denver Daily Apsper" was a nicely edited and printed paper, and was the brainchild of Emerson N. Barker who did a commendable job as its editor also.

Next year the convention will move to Boston, Mass. where the society will again have an August session. This was brought on by the fact that September is the first month of the football season, and Boston being the hub of a lot of such activity needs the hotel space for the game-goers. After a lot of "politicking" Washington, D. C. was awarded the 1950 convention of the APS, this city winning out over Columbus, Ohio and Miami, Florida both of which presented a number of inducements.

In 1951, the city of Toronto, Canada will be the host to the society.

The first semi-postal stamps of Austria appeared in 1914 under the Monarchy. They depicted Emperor Franz Joseph.

COMING AUCTIONS

September 24, 25—Robson Lowe Inc., 1320 Widener Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. United States, Foreign, including Specialized Collections.

September 27, 28—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. 1, England. British Empire, Hong Kong and Treaty Ports.

September 28—Leonard T. Salmon, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. Mint, used and Wholesale lots.

September 29, 30—J. and H. Stolow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 19, U. S., Brit. Empire and General.

September 30—Stamp Collectors Guild, 17 Clinton St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. U. S., German Colonies, Foreign, White.

October 1—Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., Sidney, Ohio. United States mint and used only.

October 1—J. N. Sissons, 204 Glenrose Ave., Toronto, Canada. British North America mint and used.

October 2—Outlet Stamp Co., 301 W. 42nd St., New York 18, U. S., Brit. Colonies, Airmail and General.

October 4, 5, 6—H. R. Harmer Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. Mint 20th Century British Empire.

October 4, 5—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. 1, England. British Colonies Specialized.

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October 7, 8, 9—Carl E. Pelander, 545 Fifth Ave., New York 17. Hawaii Specialized (Tows collection).

October 8, 9—Rumark Company, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. U. S. 19th and 20th Cent. Airmails, U. S. and Foreign White.

October 9—The White Plains Co., 225 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y. U. S. Br. Col. and Foreign. Albums.

October 11—The Ace Stamp Co., 512 Ninth-Chester Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio. United States and General.

October 11, 12—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. 1, England. General Sale.

October 11, 12—J. and H. Stolow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 19. Wholesale U. S. and Foreign, Collections and Lots.

October 16—Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. United States material at O. P. S. Convention.

October 16—Aero-Philatelic Exchange, 805 "G" St., N. W. Washington, D. C. U. S. and General.

October 18, 19—Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18. Latin America Sale.

October 22—Michael M. Karen, 1225 Morris Ave., New York 56. United States and Possessions.

October 25, 26, 27—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. General, including Colombia and States.

October 29, 30—John W. Nicklin, 110 W. 42nd St., New York 18, U. S., Airm. Proofs and General.

October 30—Edwin Meyer, Farnell, Iowa. Duck Stamps.

November 1—Mr. Postage Stamp, 1336 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y. U. S. Plate number blocks only.

P. M. G. ANNOUNCES DESIGNS

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a single line frame and an ornamented top and bottom panel. The central design is the equestrian statue of Captain William Owen "Bucky" O'Neill, who commanded Troop A of the Rough Riders (First Volunteer United States Cavalry). Captain O'Neill was killed in action while gallantly leading his men in the Battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba, on July 1, 1898.

The wording "Rough Riders" in white gothic appears in a single vertical line near the left border. In the same style and in a corresponding position on the right border is the wording "U. S. Postage" and the denomination 3c. The dates 1898-1948 appear in the lower left and right corners, respectively, in white gothic on a dark background.

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Of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Published weekly at Sidney, Ohio, for September 27, 1948. State of Ohio, county of Shelby,

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared George W. Linn, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Linn's Weekly Stamp News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily, weekly, semi-weekly or tri-weekly newspaper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of August 24, 1912 as amended by the act of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations), printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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Oct. 29—JULIETTE LOW—Savannah, Ga.

NOVEMBER:

Nov. 4—WILL ROGERS—

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Nov. 5—FORT BLISS, El Paso, Texas

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SINCERE THANKS—to my old friend Bert Hoover, that very famous man of precancels out in Goshen, N. Y., for his kind felicitations. I doubt if I can ever equal the likes of him for his astute manner. To J. R. Frampton of Appleton, Wis. for his information on #577 Plate No. 16151. To J. A. Valaro of New York, N. Y. for his good wishes. To Burt L. Wilson of Chicago for his interest and Sam Levy of Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y. for his. Those of you who may not find your name above and have written me, many thanks to you all. I don't have the space to list all your names but if you enclosed with your letters a self-addressed stamped envelope you will definitely get an answer from me.

Our last valuation dealt with #944—New Mexico therefore following my pattern of working backwards our next listing is #943—3c Smithsonian—RP—6PN

24 Pos.—CMPS—\$6.75

23463	23464
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23465	23466
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23473	23474
.30 .30	.30 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30

#942—3c Iowa Statehood—RP—6PN—24 Pos.—CMPS—\$6.75

23467	23468
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23469	23470
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23471	23472
.30 .25	.30 .30
.25 .30	.30 .30
.25 .30	.30 .30
.25 .30	.30 .30

#941—3c Tennessee—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$4.50

23447	23448
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23449	23450
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

#940—3c Honorable Discharge Emblem—RP—6PN—24 Pos.—CMPS—\$7.00

23428	23429
.30 .30	.25 .25
.30 .30	.25 .25
.30 .30	.25 .25
.30 .30	.25 .25

23430	23435
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23438	23439
.25 .30	.25 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30
.30 .30	.30 .30

#939—3c Merchant Marine—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$4.50

23398	23399
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

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.25 .25	.25 .25
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#938—3c Texas Statehood—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$4.50

23365	23366
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23367	23368
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

#937—3c Al Smith—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$5.00

23353	23354
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .30	.25 .30
.25 .30	.25 .30
.25 .30	.25 .30

23355	23358
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .30	.25 .30
.25 .30	.25 .30
.25 .30	.25 .30

#936—3c Coast Guard—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$4.50

23334	23335
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

23336	23337
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

#935—3c Navy World War II—RP—6PN—24 Pos.—CMPS—\$8.00

23338	23339
.30 .30	.30 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30

23340	23341
.30 .30	.30 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30
.35 .30	.35 .30

23342	23343
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25
.25 .25	.25 .25

#934—3c Army World War II—RP—4PN—16 Pos.—CMPS—\$4.75

23324	23325
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30

23326	23327
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30
.25 .25	.30 .30

It is really remarkable how time passes by. The above valuations constitute the 25th issue covered and before we will be able to say "Jack Robinson" our task will be done. Certain individuals have written me requesting that I advise as to how they

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If at any time a problem, relative to Plate No. Blocks comes your way please feel free to contact me as I dote on those knotty questions. J. Newman, Bronx, N. Y. wants to know about that inverted "8" (#805) of Plate No. 22880. When the error was first discovered quite a furore resulted. The P. O. Dept. upon learning of this slip immediately removed that plate but not before a great many of this No. had been shipped country-wide. There is no doubt that it should command a little more than the average as it is indeed a rarity when our Bureau of Printing and Engraving makes an error.

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Whether this sets the record thus far for China we do not know and even if it did, we presume that record would be broken before we can get this in print.

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